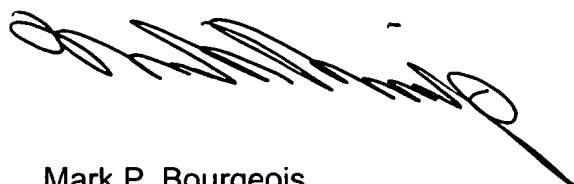


REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE). Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment prior to initial examination.

Claims 1, 6 and 7 have been amended. Claims 5, 8-9 and 16-17 have been canceled.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark P. Bourgeois', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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